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Dear Home Secretary,

**Section 55 Response to HMICFRS Report: An inspection of the Yorkshire and Humber regional response to serious and organised crime**

I welcome the HMICFRS report into the Yorkshire and Humber regional response to Serious and Organised Crime (SOC). I am pleased that the region, including Humberside Police, has been assessed as performing well overall, with significant positive work noted. However, I recognise the importance of responding robustly to the areas for improvement highlighted in the inspection.

HMICFRS identified that all four Yorkshire forces and the Regional Organised Crime Unit (YHROCU) must improve how they work together to tackle SOC. Strong regional collaboration is essential to disrupting organised crime groups that operate across force boundaries. I will monitor progress through regular performance meetings with the Chief Constable and quarterly updates from the Regional Organised Crime Governance Board.

The report also highlighted the need for improvement in how the region procures and uses technical surveillance equipment. Given the rapidly evolving nature of organised crime, especially around digital and encrypted communications, it is vital that technical capabilities remain efficient, lawful, and fit for purpose. I will seek assurances that investment decisions are strategically aligned and that processes comply with national standards.

HMICFRS identified a specific area for improvement for Humberside Police: the force should improve how it manages Serious Crime Prevention Orders (SCPOs). Effective management of SCPOs is crucial for disrupting offenders' continued involvement in criminal activity. Weaknesses identified, such as limited capacity and skills within offender management teams, must be addressed without delay. I will request regular progress reports and continue to review SCPO effectiveness.

I welcome the positive findings of the HMICFRS report but remain clear that these three areas require focused improvement to ensure the safety of communities across Humberside and the wider region.



I will continue to hold the Chief Constable accountable for delivering measurable progress, and I will work closely with regional partners to ensure a strong, coordinated, and effective response to serious and organised crime.

Yours Sincerely



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